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Your Sir / Rev. S. Marsden to Secy.

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In a former letter I informed you that Quaterma was very anxious to make a Sunday when he returned to New Zealand - he now tells me he made one for five <sup>months or</sup> months - and then his countrymen told him they did not believe that Europeans had a Sunday. From the general conduct of the masters of vessels who had put into the Bay of Islands, they had not observed any difference between the Sabbath Day and others. Only two <sup>of vessels</sup> masters, Quaterma told me, had been particular in this respect. When the Active was there, the natives went with their Potatoes &c. for sale on the Sabbath - they were then informed, it was the Lord's Sabbath, or a Day saved to rest; and that they could not receive any Articles from them at that Day - On Board the Active they hoisted the English Colours on the Sabbath - Tarrā, a Chief on the opposite side of the Bay; when he saw the Colours, he immediately ordered Colours to be hoisted on Ihone - where he lived. Quaterma tell me, the natives inquired what was the reason

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the People or found the Active would not trade with  
them on that day - he told them the same, which he  
had often done, before, that it was a Day of Rest,  
and that God would be angry with them for working  
and selling things on the Sabbath - They were  
much afraid, and told him that they now believed  
that there was a Sabbath - I had given Instructions  
to the master of the Active to be very particular  
in keeping the Sabbath. The first Interview I had  
had with his Excellency the Governor, he requested that  
his Excellency would give him, either Colours to hoist,  
or a Bell to ring, or a Drum to beat, to call the  
People together - he is still anxious to have a  
Sabbath Day - and I trust he will see one established  
there, to his present and eternal Happiness -

The Chiefs are all happy with us at Parramatta, and  
their minds enlarging very fast. beholding the various  
works that are going on in the Smiths, & Carpenters  
Shops; the spinning and weaving, brick making and  
building Houses, together with all the operations of  
Agriculture and Gardening, has a wonderful Effect

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upon their minds; and will excite all their natural Powers to improve their own Country. The Idea of my visiting them is very gratifying to their minds. At present I spend all the time I can spare with them, in conversing with them upon all the different Subjects that appear necessary for them to be acquainted with. Particularly on the Subjects of Religion, civil Government, and Agriculture. With respect to Religion, I talk to them of the Institution of the Sabbath Day by God himself - and they see it observed by us with particular attention. They see the Prisoners mustered on Sunday morning, their names called over, and then marched to Church. They also see the Soldiers and Officers march to Church likewise; and most of the People in the Town of Parramatta. As I have many Complaints to settle as a Magistrate - they frequently attend when I explain to them afterwards the different Crimes, and Punishments that each have committed. and what Sentence is put upon them - Some men confined for one month, and some for more in Prison, according to their Crimes. With respect to Agriculture, they visit different

For us, deserve the plough at work, some men with  
 the hoe, some thrashing &c. They tell me when they  
 return, they shall sit up whole nights, telling their  
 People what they have seen, and that their men  
 will stop their Cars with their Fingers, - we have heard  
 enough, they will say, of your incredible Accounts, and  
 we will hear no more they are impossible to be true.  
 I am fully convinced that the Chiefs, and particularly  
 Quattera, and Shomsee, who commands 14. Distri-  
 cts, will apply all their Strength to Agriculture -  
 if they can only obtain Hoes - and Axes - I shall send a  
 List of these by Captain Barker. Mr. Kendall and Mr. Hall  
 write to you also - and state their Views and Intentions -  
 I think no Society were ever engaged in a greater  
 work than the Church Missionary Society is, in  
 this. The Ground is wholly occupied by the Prince of  
 Darkness. And great and powerful Difficulties will  
 no doubt one way or another spring up to oppose  
 this great work - But the Lord is King amongst the  
 Heathen; and will I have no doubt establish his Throne  
 there -

I am Dr. Sir yours very sincerely  
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